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| 21. | Subankhata Water Supply Scheme | 364.02 | 163.81 |
| 22. | Sukla Irrigation Project | 813.00 | 365.85 |
| 23. | Goreswar to Khoirabari Road | 657.28 | 295.78 |
| 24. | Bhergaon-Chouni-Khagrabari-DimakuchiRoad | 131.99 | 59.40 |
| 25. | Lailongpara-Kopati road *(Via* Boro Bazar) | 132.00 | 59.40 |
| 26. | Khowrang Mahanpur Road | 250.00 | 112.50 |
| 27. | Chapaguri-Khagrabari Road | 630.00 | 283.50 |
| 28. | Tulsijhyora-Kailamaila Road waAmguri | 900.00 | 405.00 |
| 29. | Bijni-Panban Road | 1558.58 | 701.36 |
| 30. | Gossaigaon to Kazigaon *via* Bhukka, Tipkai Road | 1100.00 | 495.00 |
| 31. | Construction of Cold Storage at Udalguri district | 435.03 | 195.76 |
| 32. | Construction of Cold storage at Kokrajhar district | 435.03 | 195.76 |
| 33. | Construction of North Eat Gate Way Bus Terminus at Srinwgai Gossaigaon | 144.42 | 64.99 |
| 34. | Improvement of Tihu Doomni Road leading to Indo-Bhutan foot hills from 7th to 25 km in Baska district | 995.00 | 447.75 |
| 35. | Improvement of Khoirabari MPK road (Andherighat) to Harisinga *via* Bhergaon, Tangla and Purandia 42.25 km length with conversion of 11 SPT bridges to RCC | 2650.26 | 1192.62 |
| 36. | Construction of Kashikotra Bamungaon Bengtol Road | 1169.88 | 52645 |
| | Sub-Total (2005-06): | 17494.49 | 7872.53 |
| | Projects approved in 2006-07 | | |
| 37. | Bheragaon Piped Water Supply Scheme | 241.30 | 108.59 |
| 38. | Udalguri Piped Water Supply Scheme | 508.40 | 228.78 |
| 39. | Uttarpar Piped Water Supply Scheme | 822.82 | 370.26 |
| | Sub-Total (2006-07) | 1572.52 | 707.63 |
| | Grand Total | 41659.30 | 22624.45 |

**Indo-US Science and Technology Cooperation**

*333. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and US Science and Technology Cooperation was discussed during US President's visit to India and announced the proposal

to establish a Bio-National Science and Technology Endowment Fund and a Joint Sciences Technology Commission;

(b) if so, whether this fund has corpus of over $15 million and could be opened for private sector of the two countries;

(c) if so, whether any modalities in this regard have been finalized and worked out; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Science and Technology cooperation between India and the U.S. was discussed during President Bush's visit to India in March 2006, and the intention to establish a Bio-National Science and Technology Endowment Fund and a Standing Science and Technology Joint Commission was announced at the end of the visit.

(b) to (d) Details with regard to modalities for operation of the Standing Science and Technology Joint Commission and the S&T Endowment Fund have been discussed by the two sides. The Bio-National S&T Endowment Fund is yet to be created. This Fund, as and when it is created, would also be open to private sector participation.

**Opening of post offices in the rural areas**

*334. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether no post office has been opened in rural areas in the last few years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether Government have any plan to open post offices in the rural areas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. During the year 2002-03 and 2003-04, 440 new Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices